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Congressman John E. Fogarty  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fogarty:

Your letter and the enclosure were truly appreciated. As you know, it is my desire that H.J. Res. 316 be all-inclusive in its field and general nature so that the Secretary and Advisory Committee can be legally free to make all decisions in the administration of this act. In my opinion, the bill, as written, will care for all contingencies for the training of teachers in all phases of the hearing and speech field for years to come. I would dislike very much to see amendments added which circumscribe it in any manner or slant it for selfish reasons towards any particular group. I am particularly interested in knowing what amendments Dr. Elstat would propose. I would like to have your permission to write Dr. Elstat requesting this information.

In his letter, Dr. Elstat speaks of another resolution that is being considered at this time, presumably dealing more or less with the same problem. I know nothing of this bill and would appreciate your having Mr. Kelley send me a copy.

I received word a few days ago that Representative Elliott was calling a meeting of his Sub-Committee on Special Education to decide on which bills they will recommend for a hearing during this session of Congress. I trust that the great need for your resolution will be impressed upon this Committee, and that they will vote it out for a hearing. I am wondering if you have received a definite commitment from Senator Hill in regard to introducing this measure into the Senate.

I shall be in Florida from the 6th through the 17th of May, following which I shall fly to Washington for a few days, at which time I shall certainly attempt to see you. However, my secretary will be able to contact me at any time. Again, words fail to express my appreciation for your humanitarian ideals. My kindest personal regards and best wishes are extended to you.

Yours very faithfully,

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